



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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**JAN 16 2013**

James R. Baum

Maple Valley, WA 98038

RE: MUR 6611  
Friends of Laura Ruderman, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Baum:

On January 10, 2013, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated July 24, 2012, but was equally divided on the Office of the General Counsel's recommendations related to potential violations of 2 U.S.C. § 441a by Friends of Laura Ruderman and Abbot Taylor in his official capacity as treasurer, Progress for Washington and Jeremy Penible in his official capacity as treasurer, Margaret Rothschild, and Laura Rudennan. Accordingly, on January 10, 2013, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Ritzert Howell, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Shonkwiler  
Assistant General Counsel

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